

# MAX'S PET CONNECTION

## Adoptions Report

During the first quarter, MPC has adopted out 55 dogs but 59 dogs were added to our rolls. From January through May 31, 95 dogs were adopted and 99 dogs were added to our rolls.

## Facebook Update

Our Facebook page shows many of our currently available dogs.

Find us [on Facebook](#) and share your stories and photos of your rescue dog. Click on Facebook and then search on maxspetconnection to reach us.

## MPC Website

Go to our Website for our history, goals, applications, and available dogs. Click on [maxspetconnection.com](#)

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## Spring and Early Summer for Max's Pet Connection

### Summer Brings Heat and The Danger From Pets Left in Overheated Cars

The Villages has seemed to have skipped Spring and gone right into Summer temperatures. So we are warning pet owners of the dire consequences of leaving their pets in a car for even a few minutes, even if the vehicle is in the shade and the windows are cracked open. Last weekend at Pet Smart, an incident happened right in front of the store. An elderly gentlemen parked his car under a tree across the street, and kept the back windows of his van cracked only a few inches sideways. He took one dog to the groomer's in the store and left one dog in the car. The dog huddled down on the floor, the coolest place, and was only visible when he heard MPC volunteers outside the car and jumped into the driver's seat. He was panting heavily and clearly wanted to leave the vehicle. The store made a public announcement and a police deputy who happened to be nearby tried to trace the tags to find the owner's name. Eventually, the man was located inside the store and let the dog out. He protested that he could not handle both dogs at once (he did not ask for help), the car was unlocked (not obvious), and he was gone only for 5 minutes (really 15-20 minutes). The chart below shows how fast the temperature rises. He was lucky in that the deputy gave him only a warning, instead of a ticket. Under Florida law, it is legal to break into locked vehicles to rescue pets or vulnerable people believed to be in imminent danger of suffocation or other harm. You must call 911 before or immediately afterwards. There are also County ordinances such as Sumpter County against leaving a pet in an unattended vehicle without sufficient ventilation. So be smart. If you know you are going to run errands this summer, leave the dog at home in the air-conditioning. Everyone will be safer and happier.

Car Heat Dangers  
Outside Air Temperatures (F)

Elapsed Time (minutes)	70	75	80	85	90	95
	Inside Closed Car Air Temperature (F)					
0	70	75	80	85	90	95
10	89	94	99	104	109	114
20	99	104	109	114	119	124
30	104	109	114	119	124	129
40	108	113	118	123	128	133
50	111	116	121	126	131	136
60	113	118	123	128	133	138
More than hour	115	120	125	130	135	140

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### OTHER HEAT RELATED SAFETY TIPS

- **SHADE AND WATER** — Make sure that pets are kept inside or are protected from the sun's rays and have plenty of water.
- **NO ASPHALT** — If it is too hot for bare feet, it is too hot for bare paws. Put your hand on the pavement for a least 10 seconds. If it is too hot for you, it will be too hot for your pet.
- **LIMIT EXERCISE** — Don't let pets over exert themselves in the heat. If they get caught up in their play, they may do too much and exhaust themselves.
- **SIGNS OF HEAT STROKE** — If your pet exhibits signs of excessive panting, discolored gums, and mobility problems, seek veterinary attention immediately.

### HURRICANE SEASON HAS STARTED JUNE 1. DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR NEAREST PET-FRIENDLY SHELTERS ARE?

Plan now and include your pets in your planning::

- 1) Never leave your pets behind, even if you think you will be gone only a short time.
- 2) Don't assume you will be allowed to bring your pet to an emergency shelter. Find out pet-friendly shelters early or pet-friendly hotels outside of the storm's path. Remember you will need to have a carrier or crate for your dog in order for it to stay in the shelter.
- 3) Keep an updated list of "pet-friendly" places including phone numbers. In the latest hurricane preparedness guide by The Daily Sun, the following are pet-friendly shelters in 2018:

Sumter County — Sumter Fairgrounds, 7620 SR 471, Webster.

Lake County — Astatula Elementary School\*, 13925 Florida Ave

Leesburg Elementary School\*, 229 South Street

Lost Lake Elementary School\*, 1901 Johns Lake Road, Clermont

Pet Friendly Shelters con't

Lake County:

Mascotte Elementary School, 460 Midway Ave., Mascotte

Round Lake Elementary School, 31333 Round Lake Road, Mt. Dora

Spring Creek Elementary School, 44440 Spring Creek Road, Paisley

Treadway Elementary School, 10619 Treadway School Rd, Leesburg

Umatilla Elementary School\*, 401 Lake Street, Umatilla

Villages Elementary of Lady Lake School, 695 Rolling Acres Road

Marion County:

Vanguard High School, 7 NW 28th Street, Ocala

West Port High School\*, 3733 SW 80th Ave., Ocala

\*special needs friendly

### THE 'BIG DOG' HOUSE

Although Max's Pet Connection is a small dog rescue, frequently medium to large dogs come our way in circumstances where MPC takes on the task of finding them their forever home. Many times the dogs have been abandoned by their owners because expensive medical care is needed which the owners are unwilling or unable to provide. MPC provides the care and the socialization often needed before the dogs become good adoption candidates. Currently, we have several larger dogs in that category.

The first is Sarge, a retriever mix, a dog we featured in the last newsletter, is still waiting to be adopted. He was found by a corrections officer on the highway. He received hip surgery and is now fully recovered. In spite of his troubles he is a very sweet dog and looking for his special place.



## “Big” Dogs continued



The second two dogs (Sadie and Hazel) come from the same household. The prior owner passed away and the daughter who surrendered them could no longer afford to keep them.

**Sadie** is a nearly two year old female hound mix, and weighs just under 40 lbs. She is a young active friendly dog who needs to be walked and given enough toys and bones in order for her to stay interested and not bored. She is more sociable with other dogs than Hazel, can pull strongly on the leash but walks fairly well using the “Easy Leader” leash. She listens, and knows a few basic commands, and, fortunately, is treat-motivated. She has the potential to be a very loyal dog and bond well with her new owner. She is house-trained.



**Hazel** is a three year old terrier/pit bull mix and about 42 lbs. She is a very energetic dog, and needs training from a dog-savvy owner. While she is now with other dogs, her interactions with any household dogs should be monitored in the beginning. She knows some basic commands but can be rebellious at times. She should be fine in a fenced in yard as she hasn't tried to climb the fence in her current foster home. We believe she would be good with kids because the young grandson of the owner was hugging her goodbye with his arms around her neck when Hazel was surrendered to MPC. She also has the potential to be a loyal dog and is house-trained.



**Emma** is a pretty retriever mix, 11 1/2 years old, weighs about 55 lbs. and has had the misfortune of outliving two owners, and surrendered by a third owner. She has a mellow personality, is good around other dogs, is docile, does well on a leash (as she was a Villages dog for many years) and keeps off furniture. She knows basic commands and is housebroken. Because of her past history, Emma tends to be anxious when she is not around her foster, in that she wants to follow her foster everywhere and not let her out of her sight. This would not be a good dog to leave alone for long periods of time in the beginning, as the potential owner should be able to give time and attention to the dog until Emma is fully reassured she is not going to be abandoned again.

## BIG DOGS CONTINUED

**BLACKIE** — is a 10 1/2 years old shepherd/retriever mix around 88 lbs. She, despite her size, is a lover and snuggler with a very mellow personality. If another dog climbs into her bed, she will go find another place to lie down. She walks well on a leash, and is good with other dogs. She is house-trained. Every once in a while, she lets out a loud bark which can startle you if it is not expected. Under a more careful diet and exercise, she is losing weight and returning to a healthier physique. She came to us as a stray and is looking for her forever home where she can be loyal and loving.



**LUCILLE** — is another sweetheart of a dog who is tail-wagging friendly to almost everyone. She is a coonhound mix, about 7 years old, and weighs 44 lbs. She came



to us as a stray, and is currently being treated for heartworm. As mainly an outdoor dog, she loves to run in a field and, unfortunately, can also jump over 4 ft. fences. She is good on a leash and fine with other dogs. A potential owner will need to spend time to teach her house manners but she is alert and eager to please. She is quiet in a crate. A large high fenced yard or frequent visits to a dog park would be good alternatives for this dog. Her personal charm will win you over.

These are by no means all the “big” dogs that we have at Max’s Pet Connection, so check our internet site, and please come to visit us at Pet Smart and see our small dogs as well. Maybe we don’t have dogs that come from a “dream” environment but they can make your life fuller and richer with their loving presence.

**DID YOU KNOW WE ARE SERVING PETSMART AT TWO LOCATIONS ? THE NEW PETSMART JUST OPENED AT 3667 WEDGEWOOD LANE, IN THE VILLAGES NEXT TO BEALLS, MARSHALLS, AND HOME GOODS. WE ALTERNATE WEEKENDS THERE AND AT PETSMART IN LADY LAKE, AT 534 NORTH US HIGHWAY 441. MAX'S PET CONNECTION IS THERE AT ONE OF THESE STORES EVERY SATURDAY BETWEEN 10 AM-2PM. PLEASE CALL THE STORES TO FIND OUR LOCATION.**



## COMPATIBILITY: IS A MINIATURE PINSCHER OR MIX THE BEST BREED FOR YOU?

A well represented breed of dog at Max's Pet Connection shown at Pet Smart are Min-Pins and/or mixes. Contrary to widely held belief, they are not a miniature version of a Doberman Pinscher but a separate German breed ranging about a foot high, are a very high-energy dog, have a bouncy personality, will take over a household if spoiled, and can be escape artists without equal. They are not a dog recommended for a first-time dog owner.

Points 1-4 (highest rating)

Energy Level.....	4
Exercise Requirements.....	3
Playfulness.....	4
Affection Level.....	3
Friendliness toward other pets.....	2
Friendliness toward strangers.....	3
Friendliness toward children.....	3*
Ease of Training.....	2
Grooming Requirements.....	1
Shedding.....	2
Space Requirements.....	1
OK for Beginners.....	1

\*older, well-behaved children

Miniature Pinschers are not a lapdog breed; if you are looking for a snuggle bunny, this is not the dog for you. They are *extremely curious* and will escape from confinement whenever possible to satisfy their curiosity. Other traits include general friendliness if properly socialized, and are vigorous, inquisitive, funny, fearless, and energetic. They have been named the King of Toys. They need a daily walk to burn off their energy. This dog cannot be let loose in the house without supervision, and never allowed outside without a leash (he will quickly disappear). A Min-Pin easily climbs on furniture, tables, or counters so any item he can pick up or choke on must be put away. Taking care of a two-year child just old enough to get into everything is a close analogy. Although sturdy, this dog's small size and fine bones make him a poor choice for families with young boisterous children. However, he is fine with older, well-behaved children. Firm, persistent, consistent, and gentle corrections as well as the owner having a sense of humor are the keys to producing an obedient Min-Pin and welcome member of the family.